

13. A protective shield as defined in claim 11 wherein said housings are adapted to be affixed about a [said at least one] location [comprises] enclosing and containing legs of a bed frame member.

14. A protective shield as defined in claim 11 wherein said housings are adapted to be affixed about a [said at least one] location [comprises] enclosing and containing junctions of a cross member and a side rail of a bed frame.

15. A protective shield as defined in claim 11 wherein said housings are adapted to be affixed about a [said at least one] location [comprises] enclosing side rails of a bed frame.

16. A protective shield as defined in claim 11 wherein said housings are adapted to be affixed about a [at least one] location [comprises] enclosing ends of side rails, junctions of cross members and side rails, legs and side rails of a bed frame.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 20, 2002 has been read and carefully considered and the present amendment submitted to better point out the differences between the Applicant's invention as defined in the claim language and the disclosures of the cited references.

In that Office Action, claims 6-16 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. As such, applicant has amended all of those claims to more clearly set forth the intention of applicant to claim the protective shield and not the bed frame itself or any of the bed frame components. As now claimed, the claim language is directed to the protective shields that are adapted to be affixed to the bed frame and not to the bed frame itself and the language of the various claims recites that such protective shields are